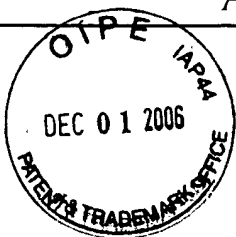


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Re: U.S. Application No.: 10/588,267  
International Filing Date: February 9, 2005  
Title: Methods for Reducing Particulate Matter Emissions from  
Diesel Engine Exhaust Using Ethanol/Diesel Fuel Blends  
in Combination with Diesel Oxidation Catalysts  
Applicants: Alan Robert Semple RAE *et al.*  
Attorney Docket No.: 18770.005

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.  
Patent and Trademark Office:

1. a Preliminary Amendment; and
2. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 18770.005. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gautam Prakash".

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, the Applicants request entry of the following Amendment.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.